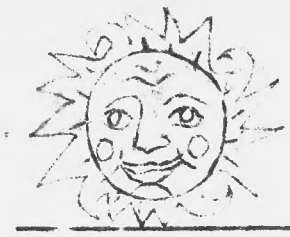

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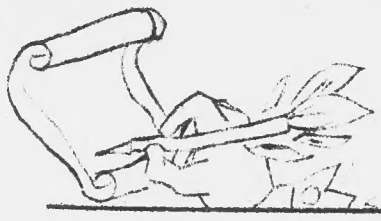

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Schedule

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Vol. 38, No. Bread Loaf Writers' Conference Sunday 8/19/73

Schedule

2:00pm	Anatole Broyard
3:15pm	Bread Loaf Fellows

Mr. Broyard will be speaking on 'Sex and Metaphor.' The Bread Loaf Fellows to be reading at 3:15 in the Little Theatre are Katie Lyle & Larry Raab.

Reading

The Bread Loaf waiters/waitresses will read at 9:30 tonight in Room 1 of the Barn (with guitar accompaniment).

Church

Those driving to churches in Middlebury or Ripton this morning are requested to share their cars with other Conference members. There is a sign-up sheet at the Front Desk. Please indicate how many passengers you can take and the time you will depart from in front of the Inn. Catholic masses are at 7, 9, 10:30 and 5.

Playwriting

Anyone actively engaged in playwriting is invited to participate in an ad hoc discussion this morning at 10:00 in Room 2 of the Barn. If you have a play script, please bring it.

Workshops

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Volleyball

There will be a volleyball game for women only at 9:30 this morning.

Tennis

In response to the questions of numerous members of the Conference, it has been decided that one set of tennis counts as 2 Credits and one (mixed) volleyball game counts as 1 Credit toward fulfillment of the Physical Education requirement.

This Evening

Vance Bourjaily, novelist, will read from his work-in-progress at 8:00 in the Little Theatre. M. Bourjaily was co-founder and editor of Discovery magazine, and has been associated with the University of Iowa Writers' Workshop for many years. His novels are The End of My Life, The Hound of Earth, The Violated, Confessions of a Spent Youth, The Man Who Knew Kennedy and Brill Among the Ruins.

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Vol. 38, No. 3 Bread Loaf Writers' Conference Thurs., 8/16/73

Registration

If you have not registered with Anne Hoover in the Secretary's Office or gotten your mailbox assignment from the Front Desk, please do. Off-campus Conference members must also register.

Schedule

9:00am	Poetry	Anthony Hecht
10:15am	Fiction	George Elliott
11:30am	Teaching Creative Writing	Bill Meredith
2:00pm	SEMINARS	
3:15pm		

Seminar assignments are posted outside the Dining Room door. Lecture topics: Mr. Hecht will speak about 'Diction,' Mr. Elliott on 'The Storyteller's Voice,' Mr. Meredith on 'The Teaching of Creative Writing.'

Music

There is a record player (and records) in the Blue Parlor. This room is reserved for music (classical, pre-romantic) each day from 12:30-1:15pm and from 4-6pm.

Arriving

today for a visit of several days is Wendy Weil, an author's representative with the Julian Bach Agency.

Women

There will be a discussion, at 9:30pm in the Blue Parlor, for any women interested in talking about women as writers and women in literature.

Editor

Mark Hunter, editor for a new short story magazine, will be in Room 1 in the Barn at 4:30pm to talk with prospective contributors of manuscripts.

Camera Needed

If anyone has a camera they wouldn't mind lending for a day or so, please contact Karen Lloyd-Davies, box 112.

Party

Today at 5pm in the Barn. BYOB. Ice and mixers will be provided.

This Evening

Robert Pack, Director of the Conference, will read from his poetry tonight at 8:00 in the BL Little Theatre. Mr. Pack, a former Fulbright Fellow, teaches at Middlebury College. His most recent book of poetry, Nothing But Light, is available in the Bookstore.

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Vol. 38, No. 4 Bread Loaf Writers' Conference Friday, 8/17/73

Invitation

Bob Pack / Patti Pack / Peg Martin / Sandy Martin

Invite everyone and everyperson to a West Lawn party (or Barn party if there is rain) at 4:30pm today. Refreshments to be served.

Schedule

9:00am	Fiction	Vance Bourjaily
10:15am	Poetry	Mark Strand
11:30am	Nonfiction	Walter Goodman
2:00pm	Fiction	Lore Segal
3:15pm	Reading	BL Fellows

Topics: Mr. Bourjaily will talk about 'Particulars,' Mr. Strand about 'The Telling & the Untelling,' Mr. Goodman about 'Research,' Ms. Segal about 'My Work-in-Progress.'

The following Bread Loaf Fellows will be reading at 3:15pm in the Little Theatre: Andrew Goldstein, Karen Swenson, Chris Brookhouse.

Magazines

The magazines (that were) in the Barn are there for everyone. Please, if you take (have taken) them to your room (or anywhere), bring them back, to give others the chance.

Telephones

Please use the pay telephones when calling long distance. If you must use one of the Bread Loaf phones, please ask the operator for the charges (and tell the Front Desk).

Photo

Nathan Benn, a photographer for National Geographic Magazine, will be at Bread Loaf taking pictures on Friday and Saturday (for an article on Vermont).

Playwriting

Anyone actively engaged in playwriting is invited to participate in an AD HOC discussion Sunday morning at 10am in Room 2 of the Barn. If you have a play script, please bring it.

This Evening

at 8:00 in the Little Theatre, George Elliott will be reading selections from his work-in-progress, 'Michael of Byzantium.' Mr. Elliott is a poet, novelist and critic who teaches at Syracuse University. His books are From the Berkeley Hills (poems), An Hour of Last Things and Among the Dangs (short stories), A Piece of Lettuce and Conversations (essays), and In the World, Parktilden Village, David Knudsen, and Muriel (novels).

Vol. 38, No. 5 Bread Loaf Writers' Conference Sat., 8/18/73

Schedule

9:00am	Writing for Children	Joy Anderson
10:15am	Fiction	Seymour Epstein
11:30am	Nonfiction	Diane Divoky
2:00pm	Seminars	

Mr. Epstein will talk about 'Characterization,' Ms. Divoky about 'Investigative Research.'

Picnic
Lunch will be served on the West Lawn, weather permitting.

Today
Wendy Weil, author's representative with the Julian Bach agency, will meet informally with anyone interested at 4pm in the Barn.

Party
Tonight in the loft (3rd floor) of the Barn at 9:30, a party will rage in honor of the Bread Loaf waitresses and waiters.

Roster
There is a list of those enrolled at the Conference posted on the bulletin board near the Bookstore in the Inn.

Noise
The walls are thin at Bread Loaf and the mountain air is a faithful conductor of sound. Please respect the wishes of those who may seek quiet, especially after 11pm. The best place for late-evening conversation and night typing is the Barn. Those who favor small nocturnal gatherings may find one of the cabins on the edge of the campus suitable (Dick Ross, Inn Manager, has the cabin keys).

Reading
The Bread Loaf waiters will read at 9:30 tomorrow night in Room 1 of the Barn, with guitar accompaniment.

This Evening
Mark Strand will read from his poetry at 8:00 in the Little Theatre. Mr. Strand has taught at Yale, Princeton, Columbia, and elsewhere. His books of poetry are: Sleeping With One Eye Open, Reasons for Moving, Darker and (the most recent) The Story of Our Lives.

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Vol. 38, No. 7 Bread Loaf Writers' Conference Monday 8/19/73

Schedule

9:00am	Poetry	Marvin Bell
10:15am	Teaching Fiction	Lore Segal
11:30am	Guest Lecture	Perry Knowlton
2:00pm	Seminars	

Mr. Bell's topic will be 'Metaphor in Poetry.' Mr. Knowlton, President of Curtis-Brown, Ltd., will speak on 'The Role of the Literary Agent.'

Frost Cabin

Those interested in visiting the Robert Frost cabin, please sign up at the Front Desk. Indicate if you will be driving your own car and if you are willing to take passengers (and if so, how many). The cabin is a half-mile walk in from the main road, although we can run one car up the road at a time for those who cannot or will not walk. Departure at 4:30 Wednesday.

Schedule Change

Anatole Broyard's lecture scheduled for Wednesday, August 22, has been cancelled; instead there will be a reading at 3:30 by the following Bread Loaf Fellows: Alan Goldfein, Cal Forbes, and Francine Prose.

Suds

Coin-operated (25¢) washing machines & dryers can be found in the basement of Larch. Soap is on sale at the Bookstore. Dry-cleaning facilities exist in Middlebury.

Those wishing to do ironing may borrow irons from the Front Desk.

This Evening

Anthony Hecht, poet, will read from his poetry at 8:00 in the Little Theatre. Presently at Harvard, Mr. Hecht teaches at the University of Rochester, and has taught at Bard College and Smith College. He has won a Pulitzer Prize, and has held Guggenheim, Ford, and Rockefeller Foundation Fellowships. His books are: A Summoning of Stones and The Hard Hours.

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Vol. 38, No. 8 Bread Loaf Writers' Conference Tuesday 8/21/73

Workshops

The workshops beginning today differ from the seminars in two respects: 1) anyone may attend whichever workshops he or she chooses, and 2) the subject matter will consist of manuscripts brought by Contributors to the Conference. Everyone is invited to enter into the discussions.

Schedule

9:00am	Workshop	Pack: Barn 1 Epstein: Barn 2
10:45am	Workshop	Crews: Barn 1 Anderson: Barn 2
2:00pm	Workshop	Kumin: Barn 1 Schrag: Barn 2
3:30pm	Panel: The Editor	

The Editor's Panel, meeting at 3:30 in the Little Theatre, includes James Landis (Morrow & Co.), Sally Anteseros (Doubleday), Peter Schrag (Saturday Review and Change), Walter Goodman (Playboy).

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Books In

The following editions have arrived in the Bookstore: The Village School Downtown and Voices In the Classroom by Peter Schrag, Conversions and Muriel by George Elliott, and The Story of Our Lives by Mark Strand.

Doubles Tournament

Choose a partner and sign up outside the Dining Room. Arrange playing times with your opponents and report wins & losses to the Office. Play before Thursday to leave time for the semi-finals and finals.

Walking Trip

Fearless Dr. Dale is leading a walking trip to Bread Loaf Mountain this morning beginning at 9:30 from Birch. Hikers should bring cups (or a canteen, if they have one) and a snack to tide them over until dinner time. Expect to return by mid or late afternoon.

Tapes

of Doris Lessing speaking on the craft of writing & Marge Piercy, Robin Morgan, Erica Jong & others reading their poetry will be played at the women's workshop tonight at 9:30.

Open Reading

by all interested participants in the Barn loft, all welcome and needed. Quaker-style format.

Change Purse

at the Front Desk needs an owner! Come prepared with identification and it shall be given thee.

Exam

The final examination will be given on the morning of Monday, August 27, at 10am in the Little Theatre.

--the Management

This Evening

Walter Goodman, author and journalist, will talk about 'Liberalism' at 8:00 in the LT. A contributor to numerous magazines, Mr. Goodman writes a monthly column for The New Leader and is a Contributing Editor on Playboy and Redbook. He has written A Percentage of the Take, The Committee, All Honorable Men and The Clowns of Commerce.

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Vol. 38, No. 9 Bread Loaf Writers' Conference Wed., 8/22/73

The Motto

for this year's Conference has presented itself in a letter received by a Contributor from her 10-year-old son at camp:

> Dear Mom,
> They tell me I'm an advanced beginner, but they won't let me take the canoe out alone.

Schedule

9:00am	Workshops	Hecht: Barn 1 Elliott: Barn 2
10:45am	Presentation	the Borchardts: Little Theatre
2:00pm	Workshops	Strand: Barn 1 Goodman: Barn 2
3:30pm	Reading	BL Fellows: Theatre

Georges and Anne Borchardt are authors' representatives and will conduct a session on how their agency operates and the services it provides. The following Bread Loaf Fellows will be reading at 3:30 in the Little Theatre: Alan Goldfein, Marcia Newfield, Calvin Forbes, and Francine Prose.

Frost Cabin

Those interested in visiting the Robert Frost cabin are asked to gather on the Front Porch of the Inn at 4:30 today for directions. Cars must park at the Frost Wayside Area. For non-walkers the Conference taxi will shuttle up and down the remaining half-mile to the Homer Noble Farm.

Departures

If for any reason you must leave the Conference early (before Sunday), please be sure to let the Front Office know. The same is true if you will be away for more than a half-day.

Directory

If you are interested in an international directory of little magazines, such may be found. Write to: International Directory of Little Magazines & Small Presses & Dustbooks, 5218 Scottwood Rd., Paradise, California 95969. Price per copy is $3.50. This directory contains such data as price, circulation, frequency, type of material used, payment rates, discount schedules, size, statements of editorial policies, number of issues or books published 1972 and expected in 1973.

Keys

Whoever borrowed the key to the Printer's Cabin and/or the key to the Tea Cabin is asked to return it and/or them. To the Front Desk immediately.

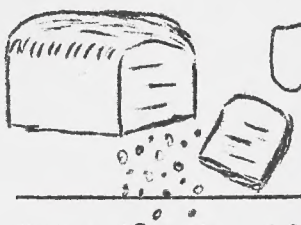
Correction

The final examination originally scheduled for the morning of Monday, August 27, was mistakenly reported in yesterday's Crumb as beginning at 10:00am. It will actually begin at 10:30am.

--the Management

This Evening

Peter Schrag, former executive editor of Saturday Review and editor of Change Magazine, will speak on 'Covering Ellsberg' at 8:00 in the Theatre. Mr. Schrag is a non-fiction writer whose articles and reviews have appeared in The New York Times, The Nation, Commentary and other publications. He is currently working on a book about the Pentagon Papers and the trial of Daniel Ellsberg. His books are: Village School Downtown, Voices in the Classroom, Out of Place in America and The Decline of the Wasp.



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Vol. 38, No. 10 Bread Loaf Writers' Conference Thurs., 8/23/73

Schedule

9:00am	Workshops	Pack: Barn 1 Bourjaily: Barn 2
10:45am	Workshops	Anderson: Barn 1 Elliott: Barn 2
2:00pm	Workshops	Crews: Theatre
3:30pm	Teaching Prose Writing	Robert Hill & David Price: Theatre

Ms. Margaret McElderry, Juvenile Editor at Atheneum, will be the guest of Joy Anderson at her 10:45 workshop today; Ms. McElderry will discuss the writing and publishing of children's books.

Teaching Prose Writing: Robert Hill and David Price teach at Middlebury College. They will describe their experiences over several years in conducting a writing course, offered most recently to Freshmen.

Book Sale

Most books will go on sale at a 20% discount, beginning today. The Bookstore will be open Saturday morning until noon.

Departures

If for any reason you must leave the Conference early (before Sunday), please be sure to let the Front Office know (in advance) of your departure plans. The same is true if you plan to be off the Mountain for more than a half-day.

Reading

There will be a waiters' reading at 9:30 tonight in the Barn loft. BYO.

Southerners

There will be a meeting for all Southern members of the Conference at 9:30 tomorrow night (Friday) in Barn 1. Material will be solicited for a literary magazine's inaugural issue, a special one devoted to the writing of 'Southerners at Bread Loaf - 1973.'

Tips

You will notice a silver tip box for the waiters/waitresses just inside the Dining Room door. O wealthy ones, remember the part about the eye of the needle.

This Evening

Anne Sexton will read from her poetry at 8:00 in the Little Theatre. Ms. Sexton, currently teaching at Boston University, has won a Pulitzer Prize for her poetry, which has appeared in numerous periodicals. Her books include: The Book of Folly, Transformations, To Bedlam and Part-Way Back, Love Poems and All My Pretty Ones.

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Vol. 38, No. 11 Bread Loaf Writers' Conference Friday 8/24/73

Cocktails

The Packs & the Martins invite everyone for cocktails at 5pm today, outside, weather permitting, by the tennis courts, or, weather not permitting, in the Barn.

Schedule

9:00am	Workshops	Kumin: Barn 1 Goodman: Barn 2
10:45am	Workshops	Hecht: Barn 1 Epstein: Barn 2
2:00pm	Workshops	Swenson, Forbes, Raab: Barn 1 Segal: Barn 2
3:30pm	Reading	BL Fellows

Alan Goldfein and Calvin Forbes will be the Bread Loaf Fellows reading at 3:30 in the Theatre.

Suggestion Box

It would be helpful to us if you would set down in writing your reactions to and evaluations of the 1973 Conference. Please either leave them in the Office or mail them to us (after decompression and reflection).

We would especially like your comments about the curriculum (lectures, seminars, workshops, evening talks & readings): the organization of the curriculum (for example, the subject matter of the seminars as contrasted to the workshops), and the content of the curriculum (for example, the talks about writing as a trade or profession and the lectures, seminars and workshops on writing as a craft).

Also, your comments about extra-curricular activities, and organization, or lack of it. And any suggestions you would care to make.

--Bob Pack, Sandy Martin

Address List

Please let the office have corrections for the Address List before 2pm today so that an addendum can be mimeographed and distributed with the final Crumb on Saturday.

Library

All Library books should be returned to the Library by 1:00 today.

Notice

If you mailed a manuscript with your application to the Conference which was not returned, you may claim same in the Office.

Two-Act

Tonight in the Theatre (20 minutes after the 8:00 lecture) there will be a reading of a 2-act play, 'If I Bought Her the Wool,' by Gordon Dryland, New Zealand playwright & novelist presently visiting Bread Loaf.

Southerners

Due to the dramatic presentation scheduled for 9:20 tonight, the Southerners' meeting is (graciously) cancelled. Those interested in submitting material for the 'Southerners at Bread Loaf' issue of a new magazine should check the bulletin board for details.

Tips

Do unto others, saith the good Book.

This Evening

Harry Crews, novelist and short-story writer, will speak on 'Slouching Towards Bread Loaf' at 8:00 in the Theatre. Mr. Crews, who was a Fellow at the Conference in 1968, is currently teaching and writing at the University of Florida. His novels are: The Gospel Singer, Naked in Garden Hills, This Thing Don't Lead to Heaven, Karate is a Thing of the Spirit, Car, and The Hawk is Dying.